

# City of Pleasant Hill

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, in September of 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the celebrated Emancipation Proclamation, declaring 3.5 million enslaved African Americans free in the Confederate States that did not return to the Union; and*

*WHEREAS, slavery did not cease until June 19, 1865, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, when General Gordon Granger and his troops rode into Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of the Civil War and the insidious institution of slavery; and*

*WHEREAS, in commemoration of the end of slavery, "Juneteenth," also known as "Emancipation Day" or "Freedom Day," is the oldest African American holiday observed in the United States celebrating the abolition of slavery and emancipation of African American slaves on June 19, 1865; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2002, the state of California passed legislation officially recognizing the third Saturday of each June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" to celebrate African Americans' significant role in the history of the United States and society through their steadfast commitment to freedom, brotherhood, and equality; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Hill commemorates the anniversary of Juneteenth in recognition and celebration of the great contributions African Americans have made to the United States, California, and the City of Pleasant Hill.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, SUE NOACK, Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, as*

**"JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY"**

*in the City of Pleasant Hill.*



*Sue Noack*  
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**SUE NOACK, Mayor**  
**June 10, 2021**